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1. The term of the present administration of the Salonika detachment of the National Association of Mill Workers, "Anagenesis" ("Rebirth"), was to expire in October 1952. This union in Salonika has a membership of 980 persons, of whom the vast majority are believed to be "Nationalists." The present administration is headed by Peter Tziakos, and the Secretary General is Constantine Tsotos. While Tziakos heads the "Nationalist wing, Tsotos is the leader of the Communists.
2. A meeting of the rank and file was called for 15 September 1952 in order to make way for the new elections, but was not called to order because a quorum was not attained. A new meeting was called to order on 28 September 1952 by the Secretary General of the Salonika Labor Center, Dimitrios Koliapides, who presided. This meeting was attended by 270 workers, of whom 210 were pro-Communists. As a consequence, the meeting was dominated by Tsotos, who proceeded to lambaste the "Nationalists," and elected a Communist slate for the committee to supervise the elections.
3. This defeat of the majority came unexpectedly and led to a decision among the "Nationalist" leaders to pay more attention to their followers. The elections of the new administration were to be held on 5 October 1952; it was planned to use the week preceding the elections to organize the "Nationalists" in order to secure the overwhelmingly "Nationalist" vote which can be obtained with some energetic work.

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